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SENATE BILL NO. 144

Introduced by: Senators Begalka, Frysliie, Kraus, and Nelson (Tom) and Representatives Verchio, Hickey, and Tulson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish dates to begin absentee voting for primary and
2 general elections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 12-16-1 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-16-1. The county auditor shall provide printed ballots for each election in which the
6 voters of the entire county participate. Except as provided in § 12-6-9, printed ballots for a
7 primary election shall contain the name of each candidate who has filed for nomination and is
8 approved. The printed ballots for the election of officers shall contain the name of each
9 candidate whose nomination has been certified or filed with the county auditor in the manner
10 provided by law unless the candidate is deemed elected by having no opposition. The names of
11 the candidates shall appear on the ballot exactly as listed in the declaration of candidacy of the
12 candidates' nominating petitions. Sample ballots shall be printed on paper of a different color
13 from the official ballot but in the same form. The sample ballots and official ballots shall be
14 printed and in the possession of the county auditor not later than ~~forty-five~~ forty-eight days prior
15 to a primary or general election. Absentee voting shall begin no earlier and no later than twenty-



1 nine days prior to the election. However, if the voter is identified as being covered by the
2 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act pursuant § 12-19-2.3, absentee voting
3 for such voter shall begin no earlier and no later than forty-eight days prior to the election. The
4 county auditor shall also prepare the necessary ballots if any question is required to be submitted
5 to the voters of the county. Ballots for general elections shall be of the style and form prescribed
6 in §§ 12-16-2 to 12-16-11, inclusive.